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## FW: Regarding Zooland Street Closure

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I have been a resident of Hollywood Heights for 12 years and I wanted to pass along observations I have made about the recent street closures on Hollywood Blvd. for movie premieres. The population and traffic flow in 90028 has doubled since I moved here, and the streets have not increased in number, as far as I know.

Yesterday, I was coming back from a doctor's appt. at Cedars and it took me 60 minutes to get from the corner of Sunset and Fairfax to my house at Highland and Franklin. I was aware of the closure ahead of time, but it made no difference. I had to reach my house from Sunset and Fairfax.

In the middle of a driving rain at rush hour, Hollywood Blvd was closed for TWO days in the MIDDLE of the week for the premiere of Zoolander 2, after a similar closure less than a month ago that snarled every street in Hollywood.

I saw three traffic accidents right in front of me in that hour. I had to make over a dozen, incredibly stressful decisions behind the wheel. Had I been wrong once, I would have been another of the accidents. There was NO EASTWARD OR NORTHWARD traffic flow on any street north of Melrose. Motorists were running signals, driving up sidewalks. The best comparison I can think of for anarchy was the LA riots in 92.

As I understand it, you are a group that fights for the rights of residents. I cannot reach the Special Events Dept at the City because they have a circa 1996 website that has been down for weeks. Maybe not by accident. The DOT just passes the buck and are of no help in getting these events curtailed.

This is what I would say to Special Events if they bothered having a way to reach them:

I think the City is taking huge money from film companies to screw the residents. The mayor has already pimped us out to condo builders and destroyed the local architecture and traffic flow. Now I have to allow an hour commute time to get to the grocery store and back?

We have the Academy Awards in two weeks. The Star Wars weeklong closure was a nightmare. These street closures have doubled in the past five years. You have a full sardine can here and you cannot just keep blithely scheduling these events and inflicting this on the city. You are destroying the quality of life for \$.

I hope Hoolywoodbid can pass this email along to the proper people because I cannot. I wish I could move but I am locked/trapped here.

Brian Bentley

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I'm assuming he is referring to the Zootopia premiere? Zoolander 2 did not premiere in Hollywood. Also, the boulevard was not closed for a full 2 days. Also, the City is not profiting off of the closures; it's cost recovery for the resources involved.



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**Yes, he was talking about Zootopia.**

I think he's exaggerating greatly about the impact of this closure. I myself forgot about the closure and took the bus to work that day, which had to detour on Sunset Blvd. and up to Hollywood, and it only added a few extra minutes to my commute. And as you pointed out, this closure was only for one day, and there are other inaccuracies in his statements.

I don't think I would be the best person to respond to this particular e-mail.

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I think the rain that day threw everyone for a loop everywhere. It was the perfect storm (no pun intended)

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